



December 24, 2020

As of yesterday's report, Greenwood County had 39 additional confirmed cases in the county for a total of 3,719 cases confirmed since 21 March. *Remember this is only those which have been confirmed and is for those who were tested a minimum of two days ago. This means there are others who have been tested and are in quarantine awaiting results. Additionally, an individual can be asymptomatic, (contagious but shows no symptoms), and may choose not to be tested.*

The first 3,185 cases in Greenwood County were reported over 15 days ago, so there are 3,185 individuals who should have recovered from the virus. Additionally, Greenwood County has had 84 confirmed deaths due to the virus. This brings Greenwood County's remaining estimated total of active confirmed cases to 451. *DHEC does not track recovered individuals by county, so this number is an estimate based on the following: Most individuals recover from the virus within this time frame.*

From 9 December until 22 December (2 weeks), Greenwood has had 528 confirmed cases out of a population of 70,811. This equates to an incident rate of 745.6 per 100,000 individuals which is rated as **high** by SCDHEC. (Low = 50 or less; Medium = 51 - 200; High = 201 or more)

SCDHEC reported an additional 3,599 new confirmed cases in the state for a total of 261,024. Also, they reported 49 new confirmed deaths in the state for a total of 4,651. Please click this [link](#) to see the deaths by county. For additional information on underlying conditions or other information in this section, please call DHEC at 1-855- 472- 3432. *SCDHEC has begun providing a number of probable cases and deaths. I will only be providing the confirmed numbers. Once a probable case or death is confirmed, they will add it to their confirmed total and I will report it.*

SCDHEC reported 8,900 of 11,075 inpatient beds are in use for a 80.4% usage rate statewide. Of the 8,900 beds in use, 1,671 are occupied by patients who either have tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19. This is 18.8% of the beds in use.

As of 22 December, Greenwood County has 174 of 206 hospital beds in use which is 85.4% utilization rate. As of 22 December, Self Regional reported 51 COVID-19 patients with 10 in ICU. Of these, 7 patients are on ventilation.

SCDHEC has created a dashboard which tracks the COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools within SC. Please click this [link](#) to see the numbers of reported cases by school.

SCDHEC is finding an increased rate of individuals who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious as they have expanded testing. This increases the risk of spreading the virus. Over the past couple of weeks, Greenwood County has seen the number of cases of COVID-19 increase. It is important we slow the spread of the virus by keeping 6 feet apart, washing our hands, avoiding large gatherings, remaining home when sick and **wearing face coverings** when in public facilities which do not allow for social distancing.

To view additional state level data see [DHEC's COVID-19 webpage](#).

To view additional county level data see [DHEC's SC County-level data for COVID-19](#).

The following are the dates and locations for COVID-19 mobile test sites in Greenwood County. Self Regional events will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

24 December: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

28 December: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

30 December: 418 Marion Avenue, Greenwood, Carolina Health Centers, Morris Chapel; 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

31 December: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

Vaccinations: Self Regional has begun vaccinating their staff.

Below are additional links to review information about mRNA vaccines. (Newest on top)

https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfGreenwood/videos/404478987420866/?so_channel_tab&rv_all_videos_card

Vaccine presentation begins at the 11:18 mark.

<https://www.promegaconnections.com/mrna-vaccines-for-covid-19-the-promise-and-pitfalls/>

On the 25th of December, SCDHEC will not update their information. So, I will not be providing an update on 26 December.